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1. PEOPLE'S DAILY, SEPT. 16 HAILED THE SIGNING OF THE PEACE PROTOCOL IN LAOS AS A MAJOR STEP TOWARDS NATIONAL CONCORD AND AS A "TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT." THE EDITORIAL EXPRESSED THE WARM WELCOME OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE TO THE AGREEMENT, WHICH, IT SAID, WAS THE RESULT OF PERSISTENCE BY THE LPF AND EFFORTS BY "SOME FARSIGHTED PERSONAGES OF THE VIENTIANE GOVERNMENT SIDE." INTERESTINGLY, THE EDITORIAL MADE NO MENTION OF THE US OR EVEN OF IMPERIALISM. THIS CONTRASTS WITH THE NHAN DAN SEPT. 15 COMMENTARY ON THE AGREEMENT WHICH HARPED ON "THE HEINOUS CRIMES OF US IMPERIALISM...ENEMY NUMBER ONE." NCNA, SEPT. 15 CARRIED SHORT EXCERPTS FROM THE NHAN DAN EDITORIAL

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BUT EXCISED THE STRONGEST ATTACKS AGAINST THE US. PEOPLE'S DAILY

CONCLUDED ITS EDITORIAL WITH THE PROMISE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE LAO PEOPLE AND WITH THE ASSERTION THAT
"SINO-LAO FRIENDSHIP WILL CERTAINLY ATTAIN A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE
DAYS TO COME."

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